

Megan for her many accomplishments and for her service to the Atlantic community. I wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING JILL MCGEE

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Jill McGee for her dedication and service to the El Paso community. As an elementary school teacher, Ms. McGee has stood out among her peers for her innovative teaching methods that empower and challenge her students.

A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jill McGee earned her Spanish undergraduate degree from North Park University in Chicago, Illinois and her Master's degree in Bilingual Education from the University of Texas at El Paso. After graduating, Ms. McGee began her career as a teacher in the colonias of our sister city Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Through her work in Ciudad Juarez, Ms. McGee has become fluent in Spanish and realized the importance of dual-language education. To this day, Ms. McGee often finds herself back in Ciudad Juarez where she continues to work several days a week with students from areas of extreme poverty.

More recently, Ms. McGee has worked over the past five years as a second grade elementary school teacher at Mesita Elementary, a dual-language elementary school in El Paso, Texas. At Mesita, she has incorporated the use of cutting edge technology in the classroom, such as computer coding and live broadcasting of her classes online, while also crafting a syllabus that challenges her students through problem-based learning.

To honor Jill McGee's decade-plus teaching career and dedication to dual-language learning, the El Paso Independent School District recently recognized her as the 2016 Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Jill McGee is an inspiration to the El Paso community, and I am honored to represent her.

HONORING KARRIE COULTER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karrie Coulter of Marin County, California, for her selection as the Teacher of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. Ms. Coulter has dedicated more than 15 years to educating students in San Rafael City Schools and is currently a 2nd grade teacher at Short Elementary School in San Rafael.

A skilled teacher and proven leader, Ms. Coulter helped shape the direction of Short when it reopened in 2012. The school uses the Guided Language Acquisition Design

(GLAD) model to serve its students, an innovative approach that Ms. Coulter championed to better serve its multilingual students.

Ms. Coulter believes in the potential of each child, and works hard so they can achieve success. She sets a high bar in her classroom, while ensuring students feel respected and heard. Along with responding to individuals' needs in the classroom, she also employs data analysis and evaluates patterns outside of class to better track and promote students' progress.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Karrie Coulter for her contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

IN HONOR OF H.R. 4425, THE DESIGNATION OF THE "EUGENE J. MCCARTHY POST OFFICE" IN COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 4425 and honor the late Senator Eugene McCarthy, from Minnesota. H.R. 4425 will rename the postal facility located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegeville, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office."

Before becoming a two-term Senator for the great state of Minnesota, Senator McCarthy was one of my predecessors, representing the people of the 4th District of Minnesota. In both the House and the Senate, Senator McCarthy took pride in representing Minnesota and was widely recognized for his collegiality and passion for good governance. Perhaps President Lyndon B. Johnson said it best when he referred to Senator McCarthy as "one of those uncommon men who puts his courage in the service of his country, and whose eloquence and energy are at the side of what is right and good."

As a graduate of both Saint John's Preparatory School and Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, I am sure Senator McCarthy would be happy to know that the Collegeville Post Office will now forever bear his name.

LEAH VOLZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Leah Volz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Leah Volz is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Leah Volz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Leah Volz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,214,514,064,181.20. We've added \$8,587,637,015,268.12 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN RICKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Kathleen Ricker of Des Moines, Iowa on the very special occasion of her retirement after 48 years of championing for students, with many of those years as principal of Bergman Academy in Des Moines, Iowa. She will retire in June 2016 and her impact will be reverberating for generations to come.

Mrs. Ricker came to the Des Moines Jewish Academy in 1977 to develop the school because of her proven track record for recognizing and nurturing academic excellence in young Iowans. In 2004, the Des Moines Jewish Academy merged with another private school to form The Academy, teaching 65 students. Years later, the Academy outgrew its home at the Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Des Moines, relocating and taking on the new name of Bergman Academy. The Bergman Academy now educates over 250 students.

Kathleen Ricker has guided students to become well-rounded citizens, telling her students, "To whom much is given, much is expected." This spirit of philanthropy has been realized in school service projects, with students and their families contributing to organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Food Bank of Iowa, UNICEF, Meals from the Heartland and many more charitable and philanthropic organizations. Academically, her pupils have reached their potential during their Bergman Academy years, with the school scoring in the 99th percentile on standardized assessments each year. Learning is also enriched through programs such as archery,